

Did you see that woman running past just now? It looked like that sneaky operative Anne Throposine! Intel says her wristwatch does a little more than tell time. Hurry - we need to catch her quickly to stop Carmen's plot!

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Born Shih Yang, Ching Shih was the most successful pirate in history. Her Red Flag Fleet made the world tremble for nine years.

A. Franz of beastly attraction

M E S M E R
28 99 38 72 47 60

B. Kaput

E N D E D
36 11 62 90 83

C. Greek oblivion

L E T H E
89 27 76 21 61

D. Intricate

O R N A T E
92 44 49 10 71 69

E. Disagree

D I F F E R
74 15 91 63 86 3

F. Two-masted vessel

Y A W L
9 100 22 68

G. Prefix for eye surgeon

O P H T H
80 42 77 53 6

H. Underwater species

F I S H E S
67 20 102 50 58 24

I. Frank topping

R E L I S H
59 70 82 48 37 26

J. Arthurian Lightbringer

U T H E R

K. Waiting room

L O B B Y
41 54 88 1 56

L. Mars lander launched May 2018

I N S I G H T
43 96 18 51 17 8 84

M. Babylon 5 alien

N A R N
4 65 85 94

N. Bud

G R O W T H
66 101 29 79 46 14

O. Scots and Douglas

F I R S
39 95 55 30

P. The boy in the iceberg

A A N G
23 45 16 12

Q. White witch or emperor gum

M O T H
87 2 31 57

R. Those decorating pastries

I C E R S
7 35 97 81 32

S. Greer's Pulitzer winner

L E S S
64 78 5 52

T. NM's state flower

Y U C C A

33 25 19 75 93

98 40 13 34 73

First letter of each answer spells: melody of ruling family

Extraction answer: Song Dynasty

Additional context clue: the phrase is about Chinese History

The resulting text is all about Ching Shih, feared pirate in Chinese history. But there is nothing unusual about the text--the answer actually lies in the first letters of each clue answer, which spell MELODY OF RULING FAMILY, a riddling phrase. Given the context of China, the answer you seek is **SONG DYNASTY!**